

VGEA Fall 2018 Update September 8, 2018



WORKFORCE

- As of 6/30/2018: 102,942 salaried employees, slightly less FY17
- Turnover leveled out 14%
- Majority of voluntary turnover 5 years or less of service
- Service retirements continue to be an area of focus ~3% FY18



COMPENSATION

- FY19 proposed actions:
 - January 10 DOC & DJJ Correctional Officers, VA Marine Police, select high turnover roles at DBHDS facilities
 - June 10 2% increase and additional 2% merit for employees with 3 or more years of continuous service (merit % can vary)
- New incentive- sign on and retention bonus for student loan debt



BENEFITS

- New Parental Leave 8 weeks to care and bond with newborn or adopted child
- Advisory committee established on Quality Child Care Capitol Square
- State Health Plans are out for bid new plan on July 1, 2019



CULTURE AND ENGAGEMENT

- Focus is on employees health and wellness, OnTheSquareVA
- Process improvements "mini" employment application; service recognition at 1 and 3 years, along with refreshed award options
- Surveys Exits, Recognition, Conflict Management, CommonHealth
- Workforce Development training and Succession Planning



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More About Health Benefits

Employees and non-Medicare Retiree Group Participants

- New incentive program coming!
 - VITALS SmartShopper starting October 1, 2018
 - Participants in the COVA Care and COVA HDHP Plans will be able to "shop" for certain services (like imaging, other diagnostics, or certain surgeries) and earn a cash incentive if a lower-priced facility is selected
 - Employees and non-Medicare Retiree Group participants will be provided with additional information soon
 - Access to program available via the VITALS web site or by phone with help of the Personal Assistant Team
 - ➤ 100+ services provide a shopping opportunity

Medicare-Primary Participants

- Update of last year's report
 - 38,845 total participants, a 2.1% increase from CY16 to CY2017
 - 2.2% increased enrollment in the Advantage 65 Plans (covering 86% of the total population)
 - 10% increased enrollment in the Medical-Only Plans (no drug coverage), but 90% of Medicare-primary plan enrollees still choose to get their Medicare Part D (outpatient prescription drugs) coverage through the state program
 - 16.1% decrease in the grandfathered Option II plan (total of 1,446 participants, or 4% of the total Medicare-primary population)
 - Option II plan participants continue to be encouraged to consider moving to an Advantage 65 Plan due to lower premium cost/larger risk pool, and minimal coverage difference
- Premium update
 - Overall premium for the Medicare-primary plans decreased by 8.2% for plan year 2018
 - Biggest driver of cost decrease was lower prescription drug costs
 - > Formulary compliance
 - Use of generics
 - Low specialty drug utilization
- 2019 Rate Notification Packages to go out in November
 - Package will include 2019 Premiums
 - Annual Notice of Changes with updated prescription drug formulary provided by Express Scripts
 - "Medicare and You 2019" provided by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- 2017 Medicare-Coordinating Plans Annual Report available in December

